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TO AMEMBASSY MEXICO

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ARELLANO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ECON, MX

SUBJECT: MEXICO ECONOMIC SITUATION

REFERENCE: MEXICO CITY 13393

1. WE APPRECIATED EMBASSY'S HELPFUL REPORT IN RESPONSE TO  
ECONOMIC ALERT REQUEST. IT AND SUCCEEDING REPORTS AND  
ANALYSIS WILL BE IMPORTANT INPUTS FOR SEVERAL-STAGE EXAM-  
INATION OF THE MEXICAN SITUATION WE ARE UNDERTAKING HERE.

A. FIRST WE PLAN TO REPORT TO THE SECRETARY PROMPTLY  
ON THE JLP SEPTEMBER 1 ADDRESS. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RE-  
PORTING ON ANYTHING YOU PICK UP BEFORE THE SPEECH AND TEXT,  
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COMMENTS, AND REACTIONS TO THE SPEECH.

B. AN UPDATE OF THE DECEMBER 1976 NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE  
ESTIMATE IS ALSO UNDERWAY.

C. WE ARE AT THE SAME TIME TAKING ANOTHER LOOK AT THE  
MEXICAN ECONOMIC SITUATION WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO (A)

EMERGING SENSES OF THE POLICY DIRECTIONS AVAILABLE TO JLP  
AND (B) THE U.S. POLICY IMPLICATIONS.

2. WE PLAN TO PREPARE A MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY IN

EARLY OCTOBER, DRAWING ON THE ABOVE AND ON EMBASSY'S  
REPORTS.

3. WE WERE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN COMMENTS IN REFTTEL  
ON THE ATTITUDES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR. WOULD APPRECIATE  
AS MUCH REPORTING AS POSSIBLE ON PRIVATE SECTOR ATTITUDES  
AND BEHAVIOR. YOU MIGHT ALSO ADDRESS SPECIFICALLY THE  
ATTITUDES OF THE MONTERREY GROUP. COMMENTS ON THE WALL  
STREET JOURNAL ARTICLE OF AUGUST 8 WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL.  
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